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LIFE OF JESUS

The Baptism of Jesus

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about the day Jesus got baptized. Remember, last week we talked about Jesus' cousin, John, who would baptize people in the river. He baptized so many that his nickname was John the Baptist! One day, Jesus came to John and asked John to baptize him. John's initial reaction was, "No way! You're Jesus. You should be baptizing me!" But, Jesus insisted that John baptize him. You know why? Because Jesus wanted to model what he wanted his followers to do. Baptism is a really important symbol that shows what Jesus came to do for us. Going into the water means we're dying to our sin and coming out of the water means we get to live a new life with Jesus. So, when we get baptized, we're announcing to the world that we belong to him. And, that makes God really happy to see people say that they belong to Jesus. So kids, if you've trusted in Jesus, talk to your parents about getting baptized. It will make God smile!

Big Idea

Baptism reminds us of what Jesus did for us.

Key Question

Why should we get baptized?

Memory Verse

Romans 6:4 "And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Have you ever watched someone get baptized? Where were you and what did you notice?** (Tip: Some people get baptized during a church service. Others do it in a river, lake or pool. It always includes water.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Because it makes God happy and the Bible tells us we should.** (The story of Jesus' baptism tells us that God was happy when Jesus was baptized. Baptism is the symbol of what Jesus came to do- to save the world from sin. This was always God's plan. And, because of Jesus, we get to have relationship with God, and that makes God happy, too! He loves us. And, the Bible tells us to get baptized so others can hear about Jesus.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Why should we get baptized? How could your baptism impact a friend? **4-5th:** Have you thought about getting baptized? Explain. If you already have been, share about your experience.
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Colossians 2:13-14. What does it mean to be dead in our sins? What did Jesus do with our sin?** (Answer: This just means that because of our sin, we can't have a relationship with God. Sin controls us until we put our trust in Jesus. When we trust in Jesus, he breaks the power of sin. He nails it to the cross and we are free of it. Then, we get to live a new life in Jesus where he gives us the power to live for him.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: FIND THE BOOK IN THE BIBLE GAME

Instructions:

- Divide the class into pairs. Give each pair a Bible.
- Have them race to find the books below. First to find has to say if it's in the OT or NT.

Books:

Deuteronomy

Joshua

Exodus

Matthew

Titus

Romans

Supplies needed: Bibles

OPTION 2: MEMORY VERSE GAME

Instructions:

- Divide the class into groups of 4. Give each group a set of Memory verse words (pg. 5-6)
- Have them place them face down on the floor or table. When you say, "Go!" have kids race to put the words in the correct order to say the memory verse. The first group to do it correctly, wins.

Supplies needed: Memory verse words (pg. 5-6, pre cut, 1 set per group)

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Jesus went to the river to get baptized by John. And he did something that every Christian kid should do.

Key Points:

- John didn't want to _____ Jesus, because he didn't feel _____ . Matthew 3:13-14
- Jesus wanted to get baptized to be a _____ to us. Matthew 3:15
- When Jesus was baptized, _____ was really happy. Matthew 3:17
- Baptism is a very important symbol that helps us remember what _____ did for us. Romans 6:4

Memory Verse:

Romans 6:4 And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Have you ever watched someone get baptized? Where were you and what did you notice?*
3. *What did Jesus want John to do?*
4. *What does baptism symbolize?*
5. *Read Colossians 2:13-14. What does it mean to be dead in our sins? What did Jesus do with our sin?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.

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And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:13-17



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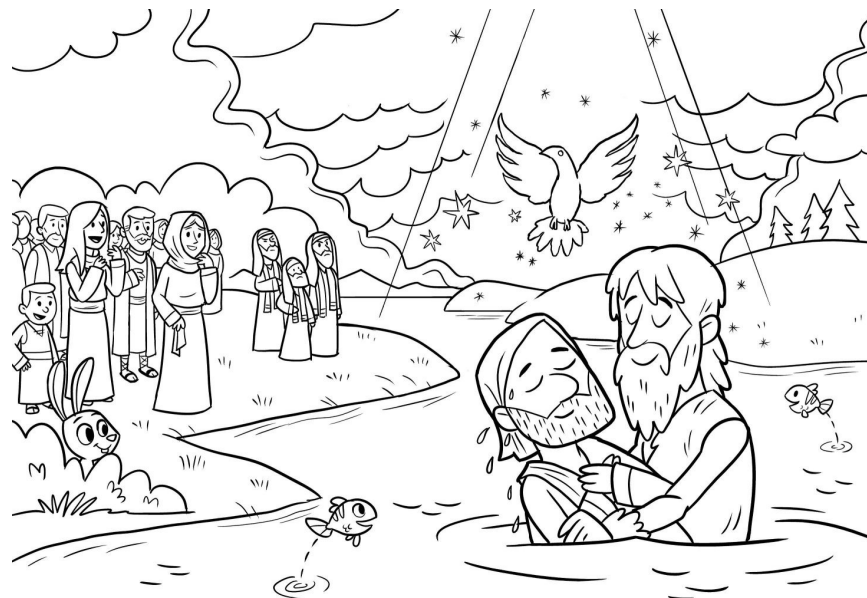
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